

Program highlights 2007

1,000 Interested in Studying and Working in the United States, Europe, and Overseas

On November 8, 2007, EducationUSA Frankfurt's Renate Vollmer and State Department Intern Ali Tzovaras participated in "AVANTI! Job, Praktikum und Studium in Europa und Übersee" organized for the sixth time by the Regierungspräsidium in Darmstadt. With over 1,000 teenagers and young adults at the event, EducationUSA advised hundreds of potential students about study in the US. Students were particularly interested in spending time in the States as an au pair or an intern.



J-1 Visa Information Session at the US Consulate General Frankfurt

April 26, 2007. Consul General Jo Ellen Powell greeted 80 participants at the second J-1 Visa information session held at the US Consulate General Frankfurt. In her welcome remarks she emphasized the importance of exchanges for the United States. Representatives of more than 70 German exchange organizations and international offices of universities received information on American Citizen Services, new developments in regard to J-1 visa applications, and the work of Customs and Border Protection. During two question and answer sessions, the attendees posed numerous questions about the regulations and application process. With more than 8,000 students attending high school, and over 8,500 university students studying in the United States each year, Germany is one of the leading sending countries world-wide.

Key EducationUSA Partners

- ▶ US Mission to Germany, Public Affairs Section – Information Resource Centers
- ▶ German-American Institutes, www.educationusa.de
- ▶ German-American Fulbright Commission
- ▶ US Commercial Service

Country Statistics	2006	2007
Number of students in the US:	8,829	8,656
Total number of center inquiries:	18,302	17,935

Germany

Advising Center Network

EducationUSA Germany has one of the most advanced virtual and in-person advising services in Europe. The German-American Institutes located throughout the country provide the full range of in-person educational advising services, including one-to-one advising, group presentations and exhibition opportunities to US universities. The US Embassy provides a free student hotline and monthly webchats with consular officers and educational advisers. EducationUSA Germany has partners in Berlin, Frankfurt, Freiburg, Hamburg, Hannover, Heidelberg, Kiel, Leipzig, Munich, Nürnberg, Stuttgart, and Tübingen.

Recent Trends: US Study ▼ -2.0%

- ▶ Increasing demand for single semester programs and professional experience (internships)
- ▶ As Bologna compliant degrees become increasingly prevalent in Germany, the great "Time Crunch" will reach students and may limit their study abroad options. Joint and dual degrees are increasingly attractive for students.
- ▶ Virtual student outreach, such as the US Embassy's monthly webchat, telephone hotline and "Ask an Adviser" portal are popular advising services, as are the student resources on the new national platform for EducationUSA Germany, www.educationusa.de.

Resource Links

EducationUSA Germany: www.educationusa.de

Federal Ministry of Education and Research: www.bmbf.de/en

German Rector's Conference: www.hrk.de/index_eng.php

Education System Overview

	Secondary Education	Higher Education (Bachelor's Degree)
Language of instruction:	German	German; some programs in English
Years of study required:	8-9 years	3-4 years (3 is common)
Grading system & US equivalent:	Sehr gut (1) – very good Gut (2) – good Befriedigend (3) – satisfactory Ausreichend (4) – sufficient Mangelhaft (5) – deficient Ungenügend (6) – fail	1.0-1.3 – very good 1.7-2.3 – good 2.7-3.3 – satisfactory 3.7-4.0 – sufficient
Scholarship for US studies:	Education First; Eurovacances; AFS Intercultural Programs	Fulbright; DAAD

Upcoming Events 2008-2009

- ▶ March 2008: EducationUSA Germany Biannual Workshop and Virtual Student Fair. Contact EducationUSA to take part in a virtual student fair, outreach session, or webchat in 2008.
- ▶ Monthly webchats with prospective students: every second Monday of the month, the EducationUSA advisers at the US Embassy meet with students online to discuss questions about visas, exchange and funding opportunities, and finding a US program to fit their needs. Webinars, DVC, and webchat services are available to US partners. Contact EducationUSA and take the next step.
- ▶ November 2008: International Education Week: 10 German American Institutes located throughout Germany join together to promote IEW and reach out to prospective students. Contact EducationUSA about outreach services and special events!

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